

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

E. HENRY STEVENS

EXAMINER:

R. R. BERRY

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For:

PROCESS AND MANUFACTURING TOOL

ARCHITECTURE FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF ONE OR MORE

PROTECTED METALLIZATION STRUCTURES ON A WORKPIECE

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed December 21, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 57-69. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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